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Dear Sir:

### COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicant, contemporaneously with the filing of this communication, submits the Issue Fee of \$700.00.

In the Notice of Allowability mailed April 18, 2005 in the above-identified application, the Examiner states as one of her reasons for allowance that the prior art does not teach or render obvious "a medical device having a pivotably connected cap

associated with a hollow body and a hollow movable member which is operated by the action of closing the cap to release a needle." Applicant objects to inclusion of these elements in the reasons for allowance because not all the allowed claims recite such elements and cannot properly be construed to contain such elements.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee due to Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP Deposit Account No. 12-1781.

Respectfully submitted,



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